

COUNTY CORN CROP

Review of the '98 Yield by Townships--Good Average.

Macon county, which was planted in corn in that township was about 7680. The average yield is estimated to be about 35 bushels, and it is believed that the shortage will cause the prices to go up. The yield is about five bushels per acre short of the usual average.

AUSTIN.
In Austin township after the gathering of the corn crop began the farmers felt better than they did before that time. There is a wide difference in the various parts of the township. Some fields will nearly come up to the average and others will not yield 20 bushels per acre.

BLUE MOUND.
The farmers of Blue Mound township have suffered with the rest, but not so badly as in some other parts of the county. The corn was not blown down so badly but dry rot did considerable damage. The greatest yields in the township will probably be 45 bushels.

ILLINOIS.
The farmers of Illinois township have had hard luck this season. A great deal of the corn was blown down early in the season and rotted and dry rot prevailed to a great extent. It was necessary to exercise considerably care in gathering the corn to keep the sound grain separated from that which was rotted.

PLEASANT VIEW.
There was not much complaint from Pleasant View township. Most all the fields were affected more or less with dry rot, but the yield will not fall as much short of the standard as in some townships.

STATE EDUCATORS

Hold Interesting Sessions at Springfield--Closes Thursday Evening.

In addition to Superintendent Gastman and Principal Frank Hamsher, Messrs. Alice and Anna Moad, Bortha Spencer, Kate McGuire, Will Westerman and Miss E. Howes are in attendance at the meeting of the State Teachers' association at Springfield. The second session opened at 9 o'clock this morning with the discussion "What Can the School Do to Improve Community Life?" The subject was discussed under the subheads of "What Can It Do for the People?"

John W. Cook, president of the Illinois State Normal University, and "What Can It Do for the Child?" D. E. Patterson, president of the Southern Illinois Normal University. The discussion was opened by E. A. Gastman of this city and closed by L. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of schools of Chicago.

The address at 8 o'clock this evening will be delivered by James H. Campbell, president of the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. On Friday morning the principal theme of the discussions will be the public school library. The subject will be discussed by Homer H. Kingsley, superintendent of schools at Evanston, Katherine L. Sharp of University of Illinois; M. A. Warner, superintendent of public schools at Elgin, and Alfred Patis, principal of township High School of Evanston.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Ben S. M. Light and J. S. Freeman will deliver memorial addresses. Ben Isaac N. Phillips will talk on Abraham Lincoln. Most interesting meetings will be held at the rate noon of each day. The principal sessions, primary section, manual study section, college section, music section, physical training section, school board section, county superintendent section, high school section, library section and many other affinity meetings will be held.

CIVIL SERVICE.

Official Figures on the Result of the Examination Held Oct. 22.

Secretary G. E. Hancock of the Civil Service board of examination gives out the following figures as the result of the examination held on October 22. First, 70 per cent held positions for less than six months.

Miss Clara Mochlert, 76.80; Theo. A. Link, 75.90; John E. Miles, 75.60; Will E. Kuchingor, 75.90; James A. Hunsley, 74.95; R. G. Hanks, 75.30; William Starr, 69.90.

Careers: Homer A. East, 92.23; Frank S. Hunsley, 85.23.

Postmaster.
W. S. Williams has been appointed postmaster at Fullerton in DeWitt county in place of H. A. Park, resigned.

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DEWEY'S WISH

Prefers to Remain in Command at Manila.

NO DESIRE TO COME HOME

What the Admiral Said to Gen. Morritt Months Ago—The "Friars" Come from Spain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—According to General Morritt, Admiral Dewey prefers to remain in command of the Asiatic station.

In fact, he distinctly told me as much when I was in the Philippines," said the general.

Upon one occasion, when the admiral's presence in this country agreed upon, the admiral said if the president would excuse him he would like to be allowed to remain at his station.

The commander of the department of the east declared that our sailors at the Pacific stations were well enough paid to remain where they are for a while. "The naval forces are here, not half a bad time out there," said General Morritt, "and are able to take excellent care of themselves."

In speaking of the atrocities which are so freely charged against the non-combatants of the Philippines, the admiral said:

"The Filipinos seem to hold the Jesuits and the native priests in much respect and confidence. The Jesuits particularly have done much for the people in an educational way, and in other ways have won their gratitude. As to the tortures inflicted upon the people by the friars, I cannot speak from direct knowledge. The most of the reports I received concerning them were in regard to their licentiousness. These friars are not native to the islands, but come from Spain. They live on the fat of the land and their abuses had become insupportable."

CUBAN TROOPS

President May Advance Pay Out of the Emergency Fund.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Negotiations are progressing in the matter of the payment of the Cuban troops, so that on laying down their arms they may be enabled to enter upon civil pursuits and earn their living. Probably no further appropriation by Congress will be necessary to enable the president to carry out the plan if it should be decided, as it probably will, to advance the money, charging it against the revenues of Cuba to pay the Cuban part of the money due them for their services in the Cuban army. This debt is not an obligation resting upon the United States, but is one for which the Cuban government will be obligated on its establishment on an independent basis.

Pending the establishment of a permanent government there is no authority responsible for the payment of these soldiers, and unless this government advances the money as a loan they will have to go for an indefinite period without pay for services already rendered in the war for independence. The special deficiency appropriation bill carries an item of \$5,000,000 as an emergency fund, which the government may use for any purpose, and the president is to advance the money for the payment of the Cuban soldiers out of this fund. It is understood, however, that the president has not yet consented to this arrangement.

SAGASTA'S WOE.

Heart Bowed Down Over the Peace Treaty Humiliation.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—Friends of Prime Minister Sagasta say that a few days before his illness he talked in a manner which showed that he was heartbroken at Spain's misfortunes. He said: "The time when the peace negotiations were proceeding was

one of the greatest bitterness to me. Many a night I could not sleep, and many a day I could not eat, so deep were my anxiety and fears that what has now happened would happen. I know the Americans and guessed what they were going to do. Nevertheless, I sometimes hoped they would not be so cruel as they have since proved. We have met no generosity from the United States, only levity and deceit, which were carried to the extreme of capriciously interpreting an important word in the protocol in order to violate a principle they had already accepted.

"Now, all this is ended. We must look to the future. The lesson has been hard, but it will be fruitful. We must reform all branches of the administration, from the highest posts to the humblest village municipality. I think we will be able in five years to establish the most radical reforms."

Senor Sagasta gave some details of the nature of the reforms that would be adopted, including a division of the Ministry of Public Works, Agriculture and Commerce into two, and perhaps three ministries.

HOOSIER POLITICS

Activity in Securing Votes for the Senatorship.

TERRE HAUTE, Dec. 29.—The Republican politicians, from county officers to precinct committeemen, here, are receiving letters and personal visits from friends of the several candidates for United States Senator. The three votes in this county are as yet uncommitted, and this fact has caused the candidates to exert every influence possible on State Senator Early and Representatives Whitcomb and Durham. Senator Early was for Taylor, and says now he would like to help elect him, but he does not think his chances are good. Next to Taylor it is believed he will be for Congressman Steele. Mr. Whitcomb had a personal preference for Mr. Taylor, but his brother, of Indianapolis, who is also a member of the Legislature, is trying to convert him to Beveridge. The men in charge of the local organization of the party, at the head of which is Congressman Faris, are for Posey.

GUAM

Island Will Have a Naval Instead of Military Governor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Island of Guam will probably be different from the other colonial possessions or dependencies of the United States, in having a naval instead of a military governor. The reason is that the sole purpose of the selection and appointment of the island was to obtain a conveniently located naval station for our warships, and, that being the case, the navy should have exclusive control. The command will be of importance, for the island has a population of more than 8000 people, and so far from these being barbarians, about 1400 of them are of European extraction.

PEACE PLACES

Assignments for Gen. Shafter and Gen. Merriam.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 29.—Official notice is received that General Shafter has been again assigned to the command of the department of California. He is expected to take charge about January 10. General Merriam will go forth again to the department of Columbia, but the impression prevails that he will go to Denver to command the department of Colorado, and that the departments of Columbia and California will be combined under General Shafter.

HOT AT HAVANA

Cubans Up in Arms Against Gen. Brooke's Order.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—Cuban residents of Havana declare if General Brooke does not rescind his order barring representatives of the Cuban insurgent army from being present at the evacuation day ceremonies New

BIG CLAIM IS UP

Certain Illinois People Want a Share of \$100,000,000.

Railway Bonds for Vast Amount Said to be Illegally Held by the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The famous Durkee claim against the government is about to be revived. Efforts are now being made by Leonard C. Blaisdell of Champaign, Ill., to secure a rehearing of a claim against the United States that may now amount to nearly \$100,000,000.

From letters received by the secretary of the treasury from persons in Illinois it appears that Mr. Blaisdell is organizing a syndicate to secure money for the purpose of prosecuting the claim. Secretary Gage has been asked to state whether the claim has any foundation in fact. His replies to these inquiries have not been of a nature that would encourage investors.

The Durkee claim is another of those enormous and mysterious claims against the United States familiar to no one but to the claimant himself. It is more mysterious even than the McGarran claim, the most famous of them all, which made the late "Billy" McGarran a national celebrity.

Mr. Blaisdell is the attorney in fact for the heirs of Charles Durkee, on behalf of the governor of the Territory of Utah, who is said to have owned bonds of the Union and Central Pacific railways to the sum of \$54,623,521.

These bonds, during the life of Mr. Durkee, it is claimed, were deposited in the United States treasury or a sub-treasury of the United States, to be held by the government in trust for the use and benefit of the owner. The payment of the bonds was guaranteed by the government, and they became a part of the Pacific Railroad's debt. It is said the government has settled the debt of the Union Pacific railroad but has failed to pay for the Durkee bonds, and is wrongfully holding the proceeds of the securities.

How these bonds ever came to be deposited with the United States no one knows. When Governor Durkee died he told his heirs that the bonds had been so deposited and Mr. Blaisdell claims to have been present at a meeting in the office of the first comptroller of the treasury April 22, 1875, when the identical bonds were taken out of the treasury vaults and exhibited. He declared that there were present at that meeting Secretary of the Treasury Frelinghuysen, Secretary of the Treasury Folger, Attorney General Brewster, W. T. Wymann, treasurer of the United States; William Lawrence, first comptroller of the treasury; Eugene B. Dawson and Mr. Fletcher, a stenographer, who took the minutes of the meeting. All but two of these men are now dead.

Mr. Lawrence, when the case was before the court of claims a few years ago, testified that no such meeting ever took place. Mr. Dawson, who is now living in this city, said today that no such meeting ever took place so far as he knows.

At the treasury department nothing is known about the Durkee claim excepting that there is such a claim.

The heirs of Governor Durkee, when the suit was filed March 6, 1885, were George, Joseph, Harvey, Martha, Bessie, John, Charles O. and Charles E. Durkee; Harriet Fluet, Mary L. Hendrix, Caroline C. Johnson, Harriet, Henry and Charles C. Boardman; Jessie H. Monaghan, May A. Fargo, Ellen Church, Mary L. Furness, Laura A. Huntington, Louisa Hoag and Harriet L. Blaisdell.

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Year's day they will close their houses on that occasion, tear down their flags and decorations and remain indoors.

The Cuban peace commission, after a stormy interview with General Brooke last night, telegraphed General Gomez not to come to Havana, as he intended, as no courtesy could be shown him.

The Cubans are greatly excited. They stood on every corner of the city discussing the situation in a half frenzied manner.

"We have not fought for a change of masters. We have fought for liberty, and not for a new ownership," declared Juan Frederico Centallas, one of the most prominent Cubans in Havana.

"Our army is still in the field. They shall not lay down their arms until we find out whether we are to be slaves or free. If we must fight again, then we are ready. We shall not endure the humiliations that are being heaped upon us. No nation is strong enough to bully us."

Two nights ago General Ludlow notified the commission that General Gomez and other prominent Cuban army leaders could be present at the ceremonies and that the Cuban army might enter Havana—the hope of the Cubans after three years of bloody war.

Last night General Brooke told the commission that the Cuban army is not to be recognized and is to have no part in the demonstrations of January 1.

This action at once caused the Cubans to declare that they would stay in their houses, and the day of rejoicing over the raising of the Stars and Stripes would be turned into a day of gloom and that the city should have the appearance of a town in mourning.

NEVER DOMINATE.

Stars and Stripes Raised at Mariel on Wednesday.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—About 1000 Spanish soldiers have left the city for Guajay.

Col. Sayburn raised the American flag yesterday over the municipal building at Mariel in the presence of a number of notable persons and people of the town. He made a speech in which he said: "In this solemn act you must not see any meaning except paternal love and protection, never domination."

VIEW OF ECLIPSE

Scientific Photographs of All the Moon's Phases Taken in Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The eclipse was viewed here with the greatest success in the Trepower observatory by Professor Archenhold, who photographed it in all its phases.

It began at 10:16 o'clock at night and lasted until 1:36 o'clock the next morning. At the former hour there remained but a slight blue shadow on the moon in the extreme east. The moon entered into totality at 11:45 o'clock, when the colors became brighter than previously. It was first a dark brown, with a streak of yellow; next a red brown and lastly a beautiful combination of colors, as if pierced by the rays of the sun. The silver white light then kept spreading and at 12:25 o'clock was at the maximum.

In every phase the delineation of the moon was visible. That of the shadow of the earth was much less clear. Mars became very red during the period, becoming more intense according to the color assumed by the earth's shadow.

Professor Knoke took many photographs at the Royal observatory.

OBITUARY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Augustus W. Peters, president of the Borough of Manhattan, died suddenly today of heart disease, aged 54 years. For many years he was president of the Consolidated Exchange and chairman of the Tammany executive committee, and a prominent Mason.

A happy childhood is the pledge of ripe manhood.—A. Bronson Alcott.

DIED IN CHICAGO

The Final Summons Came to H. Clay Montgomery Last Night

At the Great Northern Hotel--News a Shock to Family and Friends--Had Been County Treasurer, Farmer and Stock-Raiser--His Life.

H. Clay Montgomery, ex-county treasurer of Macon county, who left this city Sunday evening for Chicago, is dead. The news was received in this city this forenoon in the following telegram received by Postmaster W. F. Calhoun:

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29, 1893.
To the Postmaster:
Notify H. C. Montgomery's friends that he is dead at Great Northern Hotel.
(Signed) Great Northern.

The news of Mr. Montgomery's death was a great surprise and shock to his friends in this city. He left Decatur on Sunday evening expecting to visit Chicago and return on Tuesday. He did not come back and yesterday it was believed that he would never return. Dr. Tobey, his business partner in the firm of Montgomery, Tobey & Co., grain dealers, closed the doors of the office when he believed that Mr. Montgomery would not return.

The message received this morning did not state any particulars of the death. The telegram was handed to W. H. Starr of Benemanor Commandery, Knights Templar, of which Mr. Montgomery was a member. Mr. Starr called together a few of the members of the organization to make plans for offering their services. The news rapidly spread about the city. Dr. Tobey sent telegrams to Mr. Montgomery's brothers and also to his wife, who with her son was at Macon at the home of her father, John Zollars. Dr. Tobey left on the noon train for Chicago and will there meet one of the brothers, Attorney John A. Montgomery of Ann Arbor, Mich., who telegraphed to Decatur that he would proceed at once to Chicago.

News Spread.

On receiving the news Mr. Zollars came at once from Macon to confer with friends in this city. Mrs. Montgomery is now ill at her father's home at Macon. The only son, Harry, aged 15 years, who attends the St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wis., is home for the Christmas vacation and is also visiting at the Zollars home at Macon. He will go from this city to attend the funeral, but Mrs. Montgomery, on account of her illness, will be unable to attend.

Came to Decatur.

Mr. Montgomery was last seen by his Decatur friends on Sunday afternoon. He remarked to several companions with whom he was talking that he was going to Chicago and that he had missed the noon train, but expected to take one which left in the evening. Those with whom he talked say that he seemed to be in the best of spirits and talked pleasantly.

Visited His Wife.

On Saturday Mr. Montgomery went to Macon to see his wife and son. He made a visit with them and then returned to Decatur and left for Chicago the next day. Mr. Zollars said to friends in this city that Mr. Montgomery had a pleasant visit with his wife and appeared to be in a genial mood.

Funeral at Newark.

The time and place of the funeral will be arranged by the relatives when they meet at Chicago, but it is thought that the body will be taken to the old home at Newark, Ohio, for burial and that it will not be brought to Decatur, a fact which will be regretted by the friends in this city, who would desire to be in attendance. However, nothing definite in regard to the funeral is yet known.

HEAVY ELEVATOR LOSS.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 29.—Elevator X of the George O. Bagley Elevator company burned today. Total loss, including 200,000 bushels of wheat, \$215,000. This is the second elevator to burn within two days. The cause of the fire is a mystery.

HISTORY OF HIS LIFE.

Was Chairman of Board of Supervisors and County Treasurer.

H. Clay Montgomery was aged 44

SUICIDE

Clay Montgomery Took His Own Life at the Chicago Hotel.

Found This Morning on the Floor of His Room With a Bullet Hole in His Right Temple.

The following telegram, in answer to a message of inquiry sent by the Republican at an early hour, was received late this afternoon:

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Evening Republican, Decatur, Ill.: H. Clay Montgomery committed suicide at the Great Northern Hotel in his room. No particulars have been learned other than that he shot himself in the right temple and must have died immediately. Nothing was heard from him until this morning, when he was found lying on the floor, and was removed to the undertakers.

GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 29.—H. Clay Montgomery, of Decatur, Illinois, shot and killed himself today in his room at the Great Northern. He had been dead for some time when found. Business troubles are supposed to have been the cause.

LEFT A LETTER.

Montgomery left a sealed letter for his brother in Boston, but who is now somewhere in the western part of the country.

IN SOUTH AFRICA

Murder of an Englishman Causes Trouble.

Mass Meeting of Six Thousand Uitlanders to Protest Against Boer Outrages—Message to the Queen.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A disquieting situation has developed at Johannesburg. According to the latest advices from there the place is seething with discontent, as on the eve of the Jameson raid, in consequence of the recent proposed government measure which the Uitlanders regard as being a fresh search of impositions. In addition radical animosities are intensifying at the vexatious treatment of the British Indians and Cape "boys," which is arousing much bitterness. There was a serious development last week when a Boer policeman murdered an Englishman named Edgar, entering the latter's house and shooting him. The policeman was arrested upon the charge of murder, but upon the following day the charge was reduced to manslaughter and the policeman allowed his liberty on bail. The British agent demanded restitution of the charge of murder and a mass meeting which was attended by 6000 Uitlanders was held at Johannesburg Sunday to protest against the murder of Edgar and present the British consul with a strongly worded petition to the queen, reciting the wrongs of the Uitlanders, applying for protection and demanding such other steps as may be found necessary to "terminate the existing intolerable state of affairs." There were no speeches owing to the laws which prohibit political gatherings. The demonstration was very impressive. The petition which was presented to the consul on the balcony of the consulate, the whole multitude signifying its assent by uplifting their hands. Reference to the Boer policeman elicited shouts of "lynch him." The meeting, however, was peaceful with the exception of a slight affray with the police at the conclusion. The newspapers publish venomous articles on the subject. The Boer organ, the Randpoint, yesterday discussed the prospect of war with Great Britain and advised that on the first British act of war the women and children at Johannesburg be given 34 hours time to leave, that the whole place be then razed and the perpetrators of these turbulent proceedings, if caught should be thrown into the deep shafts of their mines with the debris of their machinery for costly shrouds, and adding that "the whole of Johannesburg will exult if the Afrikaander ward is converted into a

gigantic rubbish heap as mighty as the tombs." The Pretoria Volksstem suggests that January 2 be observed as Jameson day and that Dr. Jameson be burned in effigy.

NO NEWS YET

Waiting to Hear from Hillo—Gen. Lawton's Assignment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Officials of the war department have resigned themselves to the lack of news from Hillo because of the fact of General Otis' statement that it required four days to communicate with that point owing to the absence of cable communication. It is to be regretted that the movement upon Hillo was delayed until the 21st, ample authority having been conferred upon the officers in charge at Manila to have moved at any earlier moment they deemed it well to do so.

The war department has assigned General Lawton to service in the Philippines. The assignment is considered one of exceptional importance as General Lawton was one of the most conspicuous officers in the campaign about Santiago. He will be second in command to General Otis and in the event that General Otis is appointed as governor he will assume military command of the forces in the Philippines.

EXPRESS ROBBERY.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Dec. 29.—It is reported that the local offices of the Wells-Fargo company suffered a big loss by robbery yesterday afternoon. It is said that \$60,000 in currency and \$600 in gold is missing.



JULIA MARLOWE TO-NIGHT.

Marriage Licenses.

William McMillen, Lanesville, 26. Alice Fugh, Ellipton, 23. C. A. Waddell, Latham, 24. Elmyra Laken, Augusta township, 18.

DAMAGE SUITS

Against the Wabash and Illinois Central

FILED IN COURT TO-DAY

C. H. Pierce Wants \$2,500 for Being Ejected from an Illinois Central Train—A Suit Against Wabash.

Through his attorneys, David Hatchinson and Leforge & Lee, John A. Dawson, administrator of the estate of the late Fred Middlesworth, filed in the circuit clerk's office a suit against the Wabash railroad. Middlesworth was employed as a switchman and was on the front of a locomotive when it went off the track and he was thrown and injured so that he died the same day. The plaintiff holds the road responsible and damages in the sum of \$2500 are asked for.

WANTS \$2500.

C. H. Pierce has brought suit against the Illinois Central railroad. Leforge & Lee are the attorneys for the plaintiff who claims that while riding from Chicago to Decatur he was ejected from a train without cause and therefore sustained damages to the extent of \$2500.

OTHER SUITS.

Attorney W. Nay Boggess has filed the divorce suit of Lurana Jackson vs. James Jackson. The divorce is asked for on the grounds of desertion.

Through his attorney, W. T. Cusins, William Traver today filed an assumpsit suit against John Trainor, J. H. Calver and J. H. Donahue.

Attorneys Ewing and Baldwin today filed in the circuit clerk's office a suit for J. R. Patterson of Chicago against J. L. Drake. The plaintiff, who is in the lime business, seeks to recover \$150 claimed to be due on an account.

County Court.

In the county court today the case of Day vs. Day was finished. The case was begun yesterday and went to the jury at noon today, but a verdict had not been returned at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Hazel Knight and Nellie Gray, who have been serving a 90-day sentence in the county jail, were released today under the pauper act.

Another Warrant.

Today a set of harness which was found in the possession of Chris Laux was identified. Another warrant was sworn out against Laux and he is this afternoon standing trial before Justice Hardy after having been tried on 13 warrants yesterday.

—D. A. Maffi and Mrs. Samuel Shupp visited yesterday in Kenney with their sister, Mrs. J. M. Cline.

TAKES THE PLACE OF SILK.

Large Quantities of Mercerized Cottons Coming Hither from Europe.

A steady increase is noted in the importations from Europe of a new fabric designed to replace certain grades of silk. It is mercerized cotton—that is, cotton which has been so chemically treated as to give a gloss to the surface, while at the same time changing the character of the fabric. Within the past year an enormous increase has taken place in the importations of this fabric, and customs officers say that the constantly multiplying orders for mercerized cottons have caused an appreciable diminution in the importations of silk goods. The mercerizing process is applied to cotton yarns as well as to the cloth, and the "silkified" cotton yarns are steadily crowding out the silk yarns for embroidering purposes. Experts in this line of goods have declared that mercerized cotton yarns are about 25 per cent. stronger than the silk yarns.

Edwin A. Hartshorn, assistant United States appraiser at New York, in charge of the division in which these mercerized goods undergo the official inspection as required by the customs law, says that he had seen some mercerized cottons which in their close resemblance to silk would deceive men long accustomed to handling silk goods. An investigation recently made by the United States general appraisers into the character of imported mercerized cottons resulted in the official declaration that the color in the warp of these goods is imparted by an insoluble, inextractable coloring matter inherent in the fiber, the physical construction of the fiber being changed by the action of caustic soda. These mercerized cottons are coming into this country in large quantities from Germany and Switzerland, and also from Scotland. They are expected from other countries, inasmuch as United States consular agents report that mercerizing machines are being put in operation in nearly all of the European countries. Dress goods in imitation of silk can be put on the American market about 20 per cent. cheaper than the real silk.

Importers say that these cottons are fast supplanting silk in the manufacture of silk shirt waists for women and as novelties in dress goods. The new fabric is also coming into extensive use for the covering of so-called silk umbrellas. In tapestries and upholstery silks the mercerized cotton has become an important factor. While the mercerized cloth has the gloss and luster of silk, it is pronounced as durable as heavy cotton.—Chicago Chronicle.

The largest proportion of single persons is found in Ireland and Scotland, and the smallest in the United States.

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PERSONAL.

—Bob Hays, who has been the guest of his parents, City Clerk and Mrs. Hays, for the past ten days, will return to Denver the last of this week, accompanied by his sister, Madge.

—E. Stoddard, who has been spending the holidays in Decatur, will return to Denver tomorrow.

—Mrs. S. S. Boggess, of Macon, was in the city today.

—Mrs. T. D. Childs, of Warrensburg, was the guest of Decatur friends today.

—W. Z. Walmsley and son Earl are confined to their home with grip.

—Mrs. W. T. Walmsley is ill.

—Miss Gertrude Nuss is confined to her home with illness.

—Frank Browning of Whentland township transacted business in the city today.

—Miss Emma Stuart of Oronau shopped in Decatur.

—Mrs. H. C. Griffin of Argenta visited Decatur friends.

MONEY IN CUBA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The president has issued an executive order to the effect that on and after January 1 all customs, taxes and public and private dues in Cuba will be paid in United States money or such as Spanish Alphonso's (Conten) valued at \$1.82 and the French Louis, valued at \$9.50. Silver coins now circulated in the island will also be accepted at rates fixed in the order. Bronze and copper coins now current in the island will be received at a fair value for the fractional parts of a dollar in single payments to an amount not exceeding 12 cents.

Injured by a Fall.

Edward Dimock, proprietor of the Dimock feed barn and livery, slipped while pushing a carriage over the wet floor of the barn last evening and fell, striking a pile of loose boards which were lying near. No bones were broken but he was injured internally and was in great pain all night. His injuries are not thought to be serious but he will be confined to his home for some time. Dr. R. L. Walston is attending him.

For Sale.

The stock and fixtures of the Bee Hive Grocery Store, situated at 601 North Water street. For further particulars call on or address Wm. A. Holman, assignee, 104 East Prairie Ave., Decatur, Ill.

Bert Mason entertained a few friends at his home last evening in honor of Carl Laux of Chicago.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets
All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

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All Our Patrons a
Merry Christmas
AND
Happy New Year!

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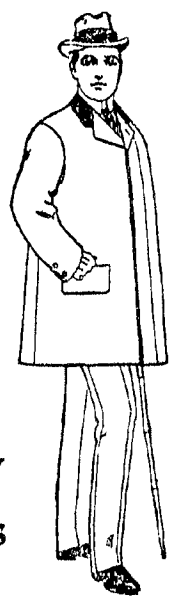
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L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

The members of the Church of God
will hold a watch meeting at Bethel
church on North Water street on New
Year's eve, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Accidents come with distressing fre-
quency on the farm. Cuts, bruises,
stings, sprains. Dr. Thomas' Electric
Oil relieves the pain instantly. Never
safe without it. Sold by all druggists.

This evening Mrs. W. E. Gillmore
will entertain her Sunday school class
of 18 young men and their lady friends
at the Grace M. E. church parsonage.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First
M. E. church will be "at home" in-
formally between the hours of 3 and 5
with Miss Anne Shuler at the parson-
age on Friday afternoon. All members
of the congregation are invited.

Holiday Rates.

The P. D. and E. Ry. will sell
tickets between points on its line on
December 29, 24, 25, 30 and 31 and
January 1, at rate of one and one-
third fare for the round trip. Tickets
good returning until January 3. Call
on your ticket agent for particulars as
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Roy Bendure Sick.

Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure was
taken seriously ill last night. He is
suffering with a severe attack of the
grip. Roy has been feeling unwell
for several days past and last night he
succumbed. Today his condition is
slightly improved.

Stole a Lantern.

John Doppe, John Davis and Willie
Moore are in the city prison charged
with having stolen a dark lantern
from Bruce Catto, the son of Dr. W.
M. Catto. Bruce was on the street
with the lantern when one of the boys
asked to look at it. He examined the
lantern and then handed it to Willie
Moore, who ran away with it. This
morning Bruce identified his property
and the boys.

PLAY AT SPRINGFIELD.

Members of the Young Ladies' Basket
Ball Team in a Contest,

The members of the young ladies
basket ball team of this city went to
Springfield today to play basket ball
with the team of that place. They
were accompanied by quite a number
of young ladies and men who will
witness the game and root for Decatur.
The lineup for the two teams
will be as follows:

Decatur—Louise Kelly right for-
ward, Lillian Post left forward,
Celia Post center, Maud Dillehunt
right guard, Clara Allison left guard.
The substitutes will be Bertha Trout-
man and Gertrude Dillehunt, the
umpires Hoteling and Leonard and
the time keeper Lindsay.

Springfield: Miss Maymo Tiffany
right guard, Miss Annie Grout left
forward, Miss Kittie Powell center,
Miss Marian Allyn left guard.

DEATH OF MRS. TURNER.

Former Resident of Decatur and Sis-
ter of Mrs. E. P. Vail is Dead.

On Wednesday evening the news
was received in Decatur of the death
of Mrs. C. B. Turner, which occurred
at Springfield at 5 p. m. She leaves a
husband, a son and a daughter. The
deceased was a sister of Mrs. E. P.
Vail of this city, and lived in Decatur
for a number of years, and resided on
North Church street. Mr. Turner
was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at
Springfield, but recently has been en-
gaged in the insurance business.

Mrs. Vail left for Springfield Wed-
nesday when she learned that her sis-
ter was dangerously ill. Rev. W. C.
Miller left this morning and Judge
Vail will probably leave this evening.

WHOOPING

One of the most distressing sights is
to see a child almost choking with the
dreadful whooping-cough. Give the
child Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup,
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WEDDED AT HANNIBAL.

Edward B. Lucas of This City, and
Miss Hollyman Made Man and
Wife—Other Weddings.

Edward B. Lucas, a conductor in
the freight service on the St. Louis
division of the Wabash, was married
on Wednesday afternoon to Miss E.
Emmaline Hollyman at the home of
the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs.
John Hollyman of 618 Hill street,
Hannibal, Mo.

An assemblage of over 50 guests,
among whom were Mr. and Mrs. John
Swigart of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. T.
J. Jones of Brookfield, Mo., Mr. and
Mrs. Will E. Gillhouse of Dallas, Ore-
gon, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rathbone
of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dod-
son and J. C. Ivins of Quincy, Ill.,
witnessed the ceremony.

Three bride wore rose pink silk bro-
cade trimmed with white mousseline
de soie and carried white roses. The
flower girls were Julie Emmaline
Gillhouse of Dallas, Oregon, and Ethel
Bird Jones of Brookfield, Mo., both
nieces of the bride. They wore
gowns of white and pink and carried
baskets of white and pink carnations.
Mr. and Mrs. Lucas will reside in
Decatur.

ANDERSON-HART.

Miss Julia Hart and Alex E. Ander-
son were married at the residence of
Rev. Henry Laum last evening, Rev.
Laum officiating. The couple will re-
side on a farm near Long Creek.

BULLA-LADOW.

James W. Bulla and Florence
Ladow, both of Curro Gordio, were
married by Judge Hammer at his office
on Wednesday evening.

DR. BUMSTEAD INJURED

Thrown From Ambulance on Christmas
Eve—Solace of Decatur Christ-
mas Gifts.

Dr. Charles Bumstead, son of Dr.
and Mrs. S. J. Bumstead of this city,
who is attached to the ambulance
corps of a hospital in Philadelphia,
was injured by being thrown from the
seat of the ambulance on Christmas
eve, the ambulance being struck by a
street car. Dr. Bumstead had started
to answer an emergency call and when
about one and one-half miles from
the hospital the driver, who had
taken to much of Christmas cheer,
drove on the street car track directly
in front of a moving car. Dr. Bum-
stead realized when they started from
the hospital that the driver was drunk
but did not think so badly intoxicated
as he proved to be. When he turned
the horses onto the track Dr. Bum-
stead grabbed the lines from his hands
and succeeded in turning the horses
off the track and out of the way of the
car. The ambulance was struck and
Dr. Bumstead sent flying from his
seat from the force of the shock. He
landed on the pavement, cutting a
gash in his scalp and severely sprain-
ing his ankle. The driver was caught
on the fender of the car and was not
hurt. The ambulance was very little
injured but one of the horses was
badly cut. The drunken driver was
bundled into the ambulance and Dr.
Bumstead himself drove back to the
hospital. He writes to his father that
he is bearing his confinement with be-
coming grace and fortitude, sitting
up in bed with a smoking jacket,
whose pocket holds a card case filled
with cigars sent by Peter Loch, the
outfit being Christmas gifts from De-
catur friends. He will be confined to
his bed for several days.

Disorderly Women.

Josie Deadio, the woman who was
living with Chris Laux when he was
arrested, was before Judge Hammer
in the county court on Wednesday af-
ternoon. She was charged with dis-
orderly conduct. She was fined \$5 and
costs, to stand committed until the
fine and costs are paid. She had no
money so she went back to jail.

Lucy Ball and Mary Ball were each
fined \$10 and costs for keeping a dis-
orderly house, the fine and costs to
stand committed until paid.

Lucy Souders was fined \$5 and costs
and fine replenished. The fine of Edith
Nanna, charged with disorderly con-
duct, was replenished.

DEATH OF A MINISTER.

Rev. Jacob Fontain Left an Estate
Valued at \$6000.

Isaac Fontain, who lately came to
Decatur from Texas with his family,
is in receipt of a letter conveying the
sad news of the death of his father,
Rev. Jacob Fontain, who for many
years had been a minister of the Col-
ored Baptist association of Texas.
The death occurred at Austin, Texas,
where the funeral was held. The at-
tendance was very large. The de-
ceased left an estate valued at \$6000.

Whist Score.

The score of the whist game at the
Decatur club last night was as follows:
North and South—Campbell and
Robertson, 165; Schroll and Bering,
158; Johns and Clugson, 160; Pratt
and Davis, 164; Brueck and Wilson,
155; total 813.

East and West—Kanan and Cloyd,
163; Hays and Durfee, 164; Head and
Vail, 161; Brownback and Leas, 161;
Bachrach and Voorbies, 163; total,
812.

The regular meeting of the Musical
Culture club has been postponed from
Friday, December 30, until Friday, Jan-
uary 6.

SCHUBACH'S SUICIDE

Well-Known Young German Found
Dead With a Bullet Hole in
His Head.

Evidently Committed the Act While Temporarily
Insane--Details of the Tragedy--Discov-
ered Sitting in a Chair.

Charles Schubach, a well known
resident of this city, committed sui-
cide last night in his room at the resi-
dence of William E. Denz, No. 669
South Broadway. He had shot him-
self in the head with a 32 calibre re-
volver. The tragedy was not discov-
ered until this morning. Temporary
insanity is supposed to have been the
cause.

Mr. Schubach has for some time
past had a room at the residence of
Mr. Denz. He has been acting as a
custodian of the Turner park, but last
Monday accepted a position as bar-
tender at Jake Scherer's saloon at the
Angle hotel on Front street.

Found Him Dead.

About 9:30 o'clock this morning
Mrs. Denz went to Mr. Schubach's
room to make the bed, supposing that
the occupant had gone to work early
in the morning. Mrs. Denz was
shocked at the ghastly sight which
was before her when she opened the
door. The lamp which had been
lighted last night was still burning,
but the oil was almost all consumed.
The body was in a chair in the middle
of the room. The head had fallen to
one side and on the floor was a pool
of blood which had flowed from the
horrible bullet wound in the right
temple. In front of the chair was a
cushion and on a table near by was
the partly smoked stub of a cigar. A
revolver which had fallen at one side
of the chair told the story.

Died Last Night.

It is almost certain that the man
took his life last evening some time
before 11 o'clock. Shortly before that
hour Mr. and Mrs. Denz, who had
been away from home for the even-
ing, returned. A light was burning
in Mr. Schubach's room, but they re-
tired without disturbing him. Dur-
ing the night they did not hear any
sound of a pistol shot so it is quite
evident that the man was dead before
they returned. The man who is em-
ployed as night watchman at the
brewery has during the past few days
been in the habit of stopping at the
house and waking Mr. Schubach so
he could go to work early. This
morning, however, the watchman
noticed that there was a light in the
room and supposed that of course the
occupant had awoke himself and was
preparing to leave so he did not at-
tempt to wake him.

Dressed Himself.

The dead man had evidently dressed
himself last night. He had on a nice
suit of clothes and had put on clean
underwear and a clean shirt and col-
lar. The soiled clothing was rolled
up as though the intention was to take
it to the laundry. The room in which
the suicide was committed was com-
fortably furnished. In this pleasant
apartment and surrounded by the many
books which he owned and read Mr.
Schubach took his own life.

Coroner Called.

As soon as the discovery of the
death was made Coroner Bendure was
notified and at once took charge of the
body. The remains were brought by
John Thomas to the Drintlinger un-
der-taking establishment and prepared for
burial. The inquest will be held this
evening or tomorrow. The revolver
with which the dead was done was a
32 calibre and made by the Forehand
Arms Company.

Old Resident.

Charles Schubach was born in Sax-
ony, and came to this country many
years ago. He has lived in Decatur
for the past 20 years and was well
known and liked by the German-
American citizens. He was held in
the highest respect and everyone who
knew him speak well of the man. He
was for many years employed by
Brewer, the baker, and was one of the
best bakers in the city. For about
two years he worked at Henry Bros.
bakery, but resigned that position
last summer. He was employed for a
number of years as bartender for
Steinbach. Mr. Schubach was twice

in the business for himself. He and
William Chapman conducted a bakery
in the opera house block and with
Charles Simmet as a partner had a
bakery on East Main street.

Mind Unbalanced.

The friends of the deceased say that
the only manner in which they can
account for his death is that his mind
had become unbalanced. Recently he
has shown signs of failing mental
faculties and it is generally supposed
he committed suicide while tempo-
rarily insane.

Lodge Officers.

The officers of Decatur Lodge, No.
65, I. O. O. F.; Couer de Leon Lodge,
No. 17, K. of P.; the Turner society
and the German Aid society, of all of
which the deceased was a member,
will hold a meeting this evening at 7
o'clock at the Old Fellows' hall at the
corner of North Main and William
streets, for the purpose of making ar-
rangements for the burial.

A SAVED BABY.

Her Mother Knows How to Make
Good Postum.

"Upon recommending to others the
use of Postum Food Coffee, we have
often received the reply, 'Oh, we
have tried that and can't bear it.' A
number of times I have gone directly
to the kitchen and made a cup as
directed on the package, that is, allow-
ing it to boil until the flavor and food
value can be extracted from the grains,
and whenever it is served this way it
wins, you may depend upon it.



EVA PEARL HINDLEY.

2 So. Water St., Cleveland, O.
My baby, Eva Pearl, was always
a very delicate child until nearly two
years of age, when I began giving her
Postum Cereal Coffee to drink, and
she began to gain in health and flesh
right away. I know to a certainty
that the improvement was due to the
Postum, for many meals she would
not touch a mouthful except Postum
Cereal. Now she is over four years
old, and is a rollicking, healthy little
girl. We consider she was saved by
Postum, and you can imagine how we
feel towards the splendid food coffee
and those who make it.

Last winter my little son, Asa
Pierce Hindley, was sick and confined
to his bed for 13 weeks. As soon as
he was able to eat at all, he began
to drink Postum, and just about lived
on it for several weeks, his stomach
being too weak to admit of any solid
food.

But the Postum gave him the
strength to recover.

My father, who was for many years
a practicing physician here, has pre-
scribed Postum in many, many cases.
I hope this letter will help others
who have been, and are now, suffering
from the unsuspected old-fashioned
coffee."

HOME FROM ARIZONA.

W. J. Wayne Inspected the Copper
Mines Owned by Decatur People.

W. J. Wayne, who went to Phoenix,
Arizona, to look after the copper
mines in which a number of Decatur
people are interested, has returned
home. Over a year ago the Decatur
people became interested in the mines
in Arizona and Silas Lowry and Wes-
ley Owens were sent down to look
after their interests. A meeting of
the Decatur stockholders will soon be
held and on that occasion Mr. Wayne
will make a report of what he found.
Since Lowry and Owens have been in
Arizona they have been sinking a
shaft and have reached a depth of 112
feet. The indications are that there
is a rich copper deposit and as far as
can be seen the outlook is encourag-
ing.

While at Phoenix Mr. Wayne met
George Golze and Note Allison, for-
merly of this city, and also Ike
Lowry of Decatur, who is on a visit
to his brother, Silas Lowry.

A man's task is always light if his
heart is light.—Wallace.

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GOVERNMENT.

The recent controversy which has appeared in the public press of this city, growing out of an assault made from the pulpit by a local minister, in which he charges the government with dishonesty in its course as to the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico and President McKinley and the American Congress with corruption, has suggested something in relation to government which has not appeared in the controversy.

The people of our own country consider their government the best yet inaugurated among men. This may not necessarily mean the best morally, but the best because it is strictly a government of the people, being based upon the people themselves and is, therefore, open to the best expression of the civilization of the masses. Reserving to themselves the right to elect their own representatives, as a rule, these representatives reflect the civilization which cast a majority of the votes. While this is the rule there are sometimes exceptions. It is the best government because, without any change of the organic law, every citizen may become morally so perfect that no wrong would be committed by any citizen against another.

God offered man a perfect government, for more than 400 years, under the judges, controlled by the church, but the civilization of that day was not equal to the requirements of perfect government and it went down.

It was not until the declaration of independence that this was again attempted. This time free from interference by the church. Under these principles every man was held to have equal rights, no matter what his state of morality might be. He was considered a sovereign without reference to whether he was a minister of the gospel or a ship pilot; a physician or a knave; a lawyer or a plowman. Upon this basis our government took its place among the nations of the world. There were many who said such a government could not endure; that the vicious would destroy it, but the founders had faith in the people and it has stood and has grown stronger for a century and a quarter and was never so strong and never more respected by the world than it is today. It has advanced in the march of civilization abreast if not ahead of all other civilizations. The civilization was not perfect in 1776. It is not perfect now, and the chances are it will not be so in the next 20 centuries. Surely not until the general millennium.

This fact in government a great many moralists fail to grasp and because they fail to grasp it are pestiferous, annoying and useless as reformers, because they try to magnify their importance as professional reformers by attacking the defects in government, in laws and in statesmen which must exist, in the nature of things, until all men are perfect. Owing to the imperfections of men laws are not always perfect. Owing to the imperfections of a constituency those whom they elect are not always perfect. Reasonable men recognize this. Only the most bigoted use those unavoidable imperfections to advertise their own assumed perfections, and with brazen effrontery demand to know if they are not right in making wholesale charges because they think they can point out a few seeming defects, while they charge others with negligence for not taking up their cry, which is as often false as true. The man who often wishes that all congressmen should be ministers or moralists cannot have his way, neither can the man who might wish them all to be rogues.

If the ministers of the gospel could agree among themselves, they might make laws to suit themselves, but their laws might not suit the physicians or the blacksmiths or the workmen. Either of the latter might, if they could agree among themselves, make laws to suit themselves, but they might not suit other people. So laws partake of compromise.

The same rule applies to electing officials. Every voter could not at all times vote for the man he likes best, so he votes for the man who comes nearest representing the principles he desires shall prevail. This has given rise to political parties and party newspapers which are all the natural and legitimate results of a government of the people. For these reasons the independent voter and the independent newspapers which professional reformers exploit are political frauds in nine cases out of ten. There is nothing in the present government to cause despair. The president and his cabinet and the American congress as a whole are a credit to the Republic. No more honorable body of men ever entrusted with the power of the people. Only those who are too narrow to grasp the nature of the Republic transform themselves into weeping prophets and only those who try to mislead the people discover sweet music in such walling.

President McKinley was right in refusing to consent to a declaration of Congress recognizing the then so-called Cuban republic. In the light of recent events the wonder is that any intelligent American should have favored it. McKinley's advice should be taken also as to the Philippines.

The policy of the Democrats and other anti-expansionists is to ratify the treaty which expands American sovereignty over the Philippines and Porto Rico and later on slip up behind and cut off Uncle Sam's expansion suspender buttons.

Bon F. Caldwell and Democratic colleagues, congressmen-elect for Illinois, met Colonel Bryan in Chicago a few days since and discussed party policies. This is Caldwell's method of getting ready to support McKinley.

A rival chieftain has arisen against Aguinaldo in the Philippines. It is now in order for Colonel Bryan to declare which one of these he would turn the government over to.

Ex-Queen Lil will not be in Honolulu to kiss Hobson when he arrives. After all she seems to be in hard luck.

Perhaps the anti-expansionists cannot write. They are getting few signatures.

A CONDUCTOR

On the Illinois Central Railroad Had to Give Up His Position—It is a Sad Story That We Publish That Decatur People May Profit by Mr. Beebe's Experience.

This is the story of an ex-conductor, Mr. W. R. Beebe, age 67 years, who now has a prosperous grocery business in Centralia, Ill. Here is what he says: "I was for 20 years conductor on the Illinois Central Railroad. The movement and jolting of the cars injured my back and kidneys. Five years ago I was compelled to give up a good position as conductor on account of my condition. My kidneys were so bad I would have to get up as often as a dozen times in the night to urinate, and it was attended sometimes with pain. The discharge was always excessive. I had a severe pain in my head and sometimes it would ache me so bad I could not rest, but would walk the floor and would hold, some times hot and some times cold applications to it. My back was so lame that in rising from a chair I would have to have help and then could only get up a part of the way at a time. It would often take from three to ten minutes to straighten up and then always attended with pain. My feet and hands were always cold, winter and summer; they would feel warm sometimes to others, but to me they were always very cold. My feet and ankles would often swell, sometimes so bad that I could not wear my shoes. My eyesight was very poor and I had to have three pairs of glasses for different distances and purposes. During all these years I was doctoring with the doctor and then with another, but was getting worse instead of better. I also took several kinds of patent medicines but nothing did me any good. I read about Morrow's Kidney-cure and got a box of them and took one after each meal for a few days and then took two after each meal. I began gradually to get better. I do not have to get up now. The pain in my back is about all gone and my feet have quit swelling and my eyesight is better. They are curing me as fast as I could expect them to and I am satisfied that I will be well again in a week or so. I have only been taking them about three weeks."

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The largest proportion of single persons is found in Ireland and Scotland, and the smallest in the United States.

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

If all the tunnels of the world were placed end to end they would reach a distance of 514 miles. They number about 1142.

For Kidney Troubles there is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure, everyone who tries it will agree to this. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

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There Are Many Manufactories in This Country.

One-Half of the Supply Is Imported, the Other Half Made at Home—Germany's Big Output.

There are 150 manufactories of toys in the United States having a total capital of \$2,500,000. They turn out in a year about \$3,000,000 worth of toys, the material used in their construction being worth about one-half that sum. The importation of toys from other countries amounts in a year to about \$3,000,000, so that it may be said generally that the entire output of foreign and domestic toys for the American market reaches the value of about \$6,000,000 a year, though the selling price at retail of such articles is, of course, considerably more.

By the federal census of 1890 there were in the United States at that time 18,500,000 persons between the ages of five and seventeen, and taking the age of children between five and twelve the number was about 12,000,000. This would give the average expense for the children of the United States at 50 cents each a year for toys, though it is an average not impartially distributed and not uniform in any state. The higher grade of toys, the more intricate mechanical toys, such as talking dolls, automatic soldiers, steam cars, boats and animal groups, are imported from abroad, and the chief country of supply is Germany, from which the importations in 1897 were \$2,600,000 of the \$3,200,000 of all countries.

Germany has retained for many years this peculiar distinction of furnishing toys for the children of every country, and it has suffered of late years no diminution of the trade. The center of the toy interest of Germany is the town of Nuremberg, and the chief market of exportation is the city of Hamburg.

Following Germany as an exporter of toys is France with a total in a year of about \$200,000 worth, an almost insignificant figure when compared with the export of Germany, but which would be even smaller but for the fact that what are known to the toy trade as "Paris dolls" are not duplicated successfully elsewhere, and in the construction of them the French mechanics seem to excel. To a small extent the Italian doll makers rival the French, but the total importation of toys in 1897 from all European countries, Germany and France excepted, was less than \$100,000, and from countries not in Europe less than \$25,000. The Germans have a peculiar knack for toy making, and another advantage which they enjoy in the Bavarian and Saxon provinces, from which chiefly toys come, is the cheapness of labor, the artists and designers receiving \$15 to \$25 a week each, while the pay of the girls who do the mechanical work of preparing the toys for market varies from 25 to 50 cents a day.

For the cheaper grades of toys, that is toys in which the chief article is wood, the American home supply is adequate. The toy-making business here gives employment to about 4,000 persons, of whom nearly one-third are in the state of New York. Toys are also made in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, but very few in Connecticut, fewer in the west, and practically none at all in the south, though there is one toy factory in the state of Kentucky. Whatever be the condition of the toy business for manufacturing, it is one which allows of large profits, and which entails, sometimes, large losses to the retailer.

Articles of merchandise, toys are very perishable. They break easily; the fashion changes in them often; they are salable only at certain times in the year, and then only in certain grades, and the carrying of "a large stock" entails obligations upon a dealer which he finds it sometimes difficult to meet. But in holiday season, under a normal demand, the percentage of profit is large. It is largest on foreign-made toys, a fact which may account for the big importation, one-half of the total supply.—N. Y. Sun.

Bloodhound Trials.

Recent bloodhound trials in England indicate that the popular notion of the perspicacity and infallibility of those sleek hounds is exaggerated. Tested in the most favorable circumstances, not more than one dog in four faithfully tracked its quarry, and at least one in four failed wholly or refused to make the attempt. In the actual tracking of real fugitives, conditions would be far less favorable to the dogs, and their performances would doubtless be correspondingly less creditable. We may have to revise, or at least discredit, some stirring scenes in fiction, from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to "The Cloister and the Hearth."—Youth's Companion.

Alcohol Used as Fuel.

A new invention of great importance has just been patented by a German chemist, Julius Norden, of Aldenhoven, Germany. He has succeeded in hardening alcohol until it becomes a solid mass. This will insure a very much greater popularity for the employment of alcohol. It now comes in small cylindrical pieces, packed in patent tin boxes, that can be used for cooking, lighting, heating and the various uses of everyday life. The solidified alcohol burns without a wick, can be blown out after use and then hardens again within a minute. The danger of explosion is absolutely done away with.—Chicago Chronicle.

Mosquito Bite Pain.

The pain of a mosquito bite is caused by a fluid poison injected by the insect into the wound in order to make the blood thin enough to flow through the mosquito's throat.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling.

The greatest grace of a gift perhaps is that it anticipates and admits of no return.—Longfellow.

The largest organ in the world is in the Cathedral of Seville, Spain. It has 53 pipes and 110 stops.

AN AGED ROYAL PARROT.

Ducky, of the Princess of Wales' Household, Was More Than 125 Years Old.

One of the longest-lived birds on record died recently in London. It was a parrot named Ducky, the property of the prince of Wales, and its age was put at more than 125 years. Ducky was a native of the United States of Colombia, whence he was transported to England in 1783 and bought by Prime Minister Pitt, who in 1800 presented him to his master, George III. From this date on the bird was recognized as part of the royal household, with quarters at St. James. Ducky, however, developed amazing conversational powers, unaccompanied with the proper leaven of discretion, and in 1850 he was sentenced to banishment from St. James on the charge, it is said, of divulging family secrets. In his new dwelling place, Windsor castle, Ducky acquired even worse habits. Windsor accommodates a small garrison, and the parrot was quick to acquire the vernacular of Tommy Atkins. The result was considered unsuitable to the well-known decorum of the British court, and sentence of banishment to Australia was passed on the offender. The amiable prince of Wales, however, came to the rescue, and Ducky was removed to Sandringham, where he remained until the day of his death. Great age though it be, 125 years is not considered by scientific men as the absolute limit of a parrot. So reliable an observer as Humboldt, whose statement in this matter is accepted without question by Darwin, tells of a parrot that must have lived 800 years. The naturalist came across the bird in South America, and his reasons for crediting it with such extraordinary longevity were that he heard it use some words of a language spoken only by a tribe of Indians which had been extinct more than 200 years.—N. Y. Sun.

PHILIPPINE TOPONOMY.

How Some of the Strange Geographical Names Have Been Derived.

According to Mallet, the island of Luzon was so called because its Spanish conquerors observed that in front of the cabin of every inhabitant there stood a large cylindrical wooden mortar, which, in the language of the Tagalogs, was called a losong, and in which was pounded the rice that formed, and still forms, the staff of life of these people.

The name Manila (or Mainila as it has been spelled) is supposed to be compounded of the two Tagala words, ma, an apocopated form of maliron, ("where" there is,) and nila, the name of a shrub (Ixora manila of the order Cinchonaceae, which grows in great abundance on the shores of the bay of Manila.

The name Cavite is a very slight alteration of that of a native village, which was so called from the shape of the bay upon which it stood, the Tagala word cavit meaning a "hook" or "bead."

The Visaya or Central Philippine islands derive their name from their inhabitants, who, at the time of the arrival of the Spaniards, had the custom of painting their entire body in different colors. The Spanish name is from the native word "bisaya," meaning "painted man."—Scientific American.

She Holds Many Titles.

The duchess of Devonshire is, perhaps, the most enviable of all the queens of society. She is chateleine of six of the most palatial houses in England and Ireland, of a town house whose rental value is equal to the yearly salaries of half the British cabinet; of a chateau in France, and a "lordly pleasure house" on the Riviera. She has won two ducal coronets by marriage, has borne ten titles of peerage and is a French countess. Although she is still regarded as one of the loveliest women in society, she is grandmother of a duke, who is himself meditating matrimony.—N. Y. Journal.

Sore Throat

Sore throat and constant coughing indicate an affection of the bronchial tubes which may develop into pneumonia or inflammation of the lungs. Do not wait; but use Dr. John W. Bull's Cough Syrup at once and be cured.

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CHARGE ROBBERY

Union Miners at Carlinville Quit Pending a Settlement.

CARLINVILLE, ILL., Dec. 28.—Trouble is on again in the Carlinville and Alton mining district. The Carlinville is the disaffected. The 100 miners in the employ of Carlinville Coal company quit pending the settlement of a very over the weights.

The men have been claiming some time that they were not getting correct gross weights. Some is asserted, they secretly remove the weights from the tupples and then. They claim the weights are not true to standard requirement on each ton of coal mined. The men lost 150 pounds, equivalent a week. They demand the change of the topman, who is a union man.

The company asserts that the are true and have been and re-charge the topman.

District President Cahill United Mine Workers is here endeavoring to straighten out the situation and State Secretary said to have been sent for.

STATE OFFICERS

Chosen by the Illinois Teachers' Association at Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 28.—Albert G. Lane, former superintendent of the Chicago schools, has been elected for the highest honor of the Illinois State Teachers' association. He was chosen first by the nominating committee. His election will be a mere formality as the association has adopted the plan of leaving the selection of officers to the nominating committee.

The officers:

Vice Presidents—F. B. Shook, J. B. Greenmann, West Alton, J. Barnum Paxton.

Secretary—Joel M. Bowler, Joliet.

Railroad Secretary—W. C. Hinsdale.

Treasurer—W. R. Hatfield, Joliet.

Member of the executive committee—E. G. Cooley, La Grange.

Board of Directors—Alfred Chicago; C. W. Groves, Dixon; Morcer, Peoria; Ross A. Mar, St. Louis; B. Hood, Sparta.

More money for school purposes which the school board of the state are about to begin for in a concerted effort. The levy of 3 per cent for building and 2 per cent for maintenance was declared by the school section of the State Teachers' association to be inadequate to the educational system of the state.

GENUINE.

No Doubt of the Existence of

In the City.

Arthur Oland of the State company is suffering from the old fashioned grip. The number of cases in the genuine variety being distributed from the milder form by the contagion. As there are in several families the disease out doubt of the old fashioned.

A number of the physicians reported severe colds and catarrhal fever and decided of there being a prevalent grip. One of the leading physicians said this morning: "If the man treating are not cases of the genuine Russian influenza, know a case when I see it and I myself. I have some most severe cases, equal to a treated when the epidemic was height."

THE WEATHER

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Partly cloudy weather, with snow flurries Friday, and extreme north tonight; decide by Friday morning, with cold Friday; High southerly, slightly northerly, winds today.

BOWLING NEWS

All Stars Will be Here in Names of Those Who Play on the Team.

An important event in the history of the All-Star bowling team will be the city next April. They will meet the afternoon and evening that month at Brinkmeyer's 526 North Water street.

Mr. Brinkmeyer has signed the team and the team will play here although the exact date yet known. This morning the from the manager a letter of individual tournament of been finished and g

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An important event among those

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the afternoon and evening one day in

each month at Brinkmeyer's alleys at
525 North Water street.

Mr. Brinkmeyer has signed the con-
tract and the team will positively be

here although the exact date is not
yet known. This morning he received

names of those who are to travel as
members of the team this season. The
players are as follows: John Boemur-

COUNTY NEWS

HARRISTOWN.
Prof. Parish is spending his vaca-

tion at his home in Mt. Auburn.
Miss Katie Hamilton, one of Deca-

tur's teachers, is visiting her parents
this week.

Harry and George Camp, Walter and
Owen Hamilton, who have been at-

tending school at Eureka, Ill., came
home to spend the holidays.

Owen Lyman of McPherson, Kansas,
is spending a few days visiting his

brother, A. H. Lyman.
The cantata rendered at the Chris-

tian church last Saturday evening was
well received by a large audience.

John Camp entertained his Sunday
school class together with Mrs. Mc-

Gregor's and the officers and teachers
of the Christian Sunday school last

Tuesday evening. There were about
50 persons present. Dainty refresh-

ments were served during the even-
ing. All enjoyed a good time in

games and social chat.
Albert Cooper while hunting last

Tuesday was severely though not
dangerously burned in the face by his

gun bursting. Dr. Connelly was called
to dress the wounds.

MT. ZION.
Tom Blackford is visiting relatives

near Peoria.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Burch-

am, on December 24, a daughter.
Mrs. Bates Davis entertained a num-

ber of her friends with a turkey din-
ner on Christmas.

Mamie and Frankie Conn of Pekin
are visiting their grand parents, Mr.

and Mrs. K. W. Conn.
Mrs. O. L. Conn has gone to her

home at Paxton.
Ray McGaughey of Lincoln is spend-

ing the holidays with home folks.
D. S. Smith and family spent Christ-

mas at Corro Gordo.
Miss Maud Baker of Kenney spent

Sunday with friends here.
Two of our village boys were feeling

a little blue Saturday evening when
they saw two other young men going

to the Christmas tree with their
sweethearts.

Christmas exercises were well at-
tended at both the churches Saturday

evening.
The Bateman family and friends all

gathered at the home of their aged
parents with well filled baskets and

they had a rousing big dinner on
Christmas day. There were 11 grand

children and one great grand child
present.

At Home To-Morrow.
At the First Methodist church par-

sonage on West Main street tomorrow
afternoon a reception will be given

for the ladies of the church and their
friends. Mrs. J. B. Bullard, Mrs.

Harlie Maris and Mrs. Sears have the
affair in charge. The hours will be

from 8 until 6 o'clock.
Trouble With Sewer.

Contractor Gebhart has had con-
siderable trouble with the laying of

one of the laterals of the Oakland
sewer. He struck a vein of quick-

sand, but has about gotten through
that difficulty and is now working in

hard ground.
His Certificate.

J. B. Bullard, who went to Chicago
several weeks ago to take the exami-

MRS. JOSEPH MILLS DEAD.

She Passed Away Shortly After Mid-
night—Heart Trouble the Cause.

Mrs. Sine Mills, wife of Joseph
Mills, died shortly after midnight at
her home, No. 745 North Main street,

aged 39 years. Heart disease was the
cause of death. Since last Saturday

Mrs. Mills has been seriously ill and
her condition grew rapidly worse.

The deceased was born in August,
1859, in Denmark, and her maiden

name was Sine L. Rasmussen. With
her parents she came to this country

in 1874 and the family settled on a
farm in Ellingham county. The de-

ceased was first married to the late
Frank Taylor, and on January 1, 1888,

was married to Joseph Mills of this
city, and has resided in Decatur ever

since. Mrs. Mills is survived by her
husband, her mother, Mrs. Larson,

one brother, Clint Rasmussen of Chi-
cago, and three sisters. Miss Anna

Larsen and Mrs. H. Troutman of De-
catur and one residing in Eu-

rope.
The funeral will be held Saturday

afternoon at 2 o'clock from the resi-
dence.

DECATUR MARKETS.

The following are the Decatur
quotations for Thursday, December 29:

Grain—Shellabarger Mill and Ele-
vator company pay the following:

Wheat 70 cents per bushel; white corn,
30¢; yellow corn 29 cents, white oats

26 cents; mixed oats 21 cents; rye
35 cents.

Live Stock—Danzonson and Sons
quote the following: Cows and heifers

\$2.75 to \$3.75, steers \$3.60 to \$4.25,
sheep \$3 to \$3.50, hogs \$3 to \$3.10.

Poultry—Quotations by Max Atlas:
Hens 5½ cents per pound, springs 6

cents, ducks 4 cents, geese 4 cents,
roosters 3 cents, old toms 6 cents, hen

turkeys 8½ cents, gobbler, 7½ cents.
Eggs—Receipts light, 18½ cents per

dozen.
Hides and Tallow—Quotations by

Max Atlas: Hides 7½ cents per
pound, tallow 3 cents per pound.

Hay—New timothy hay sells for \$8
per ton.

Ordered by Mistake.
Dr. H. C. Jones' horse and buggy

was taken in by the police this morn-
ing about 3:45 o'clock and sent to the

Hammann barn. The horse had
stood hitched at the rear of the Milli-

kin building since 2:30 yesterday af-
ternoon. The doctor was not aware

that the horse had been sent up to his
office and is sure that a mistake was

made in ordering it. He did not
order it and walked home to supper

and from the office in the evening as
usual, thinking that the horse was in

the barn. The men at the Davis livery
barn, where the horse is kept, under-

stood the order to come for Dr. Jones'
horse and accordingly hitched it up

and drove to the accustomed place at
the rear of the building and tied it.

There was some mistake made in the
order, but it is thought that the horse

was probably used by someone
and brought back to the office some

time during the evening.
IOWA OFFICERS.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Dec. 29.—The
Iowa State Teachers' association

elects F. H. Bloodgood of West
Union president, W. A. Clifford of

Council Bluffs first vice president, A.
W. Stuart of Ottumwa and Amy

Boggs of Waterloo members of the
educational council.

Robbed the Grave.
A startling incident, of which Mr.

John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the
subject, is narrated by him as follows:

"I was in a most dreadful condition. My
skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken,

tongue coated, pain continually in back
and sides, no appetite—gradually grow-

ing weaker day by day. Three physi-
cians had given me up. Fortunately a

friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,'
and to my great joy and surprise, the

first bottle made a decided improve-
ment. I continued their use for three

weeks and now a well man. I know
they saved my life and robbed the grave

PERSONAL.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dawson and
son, Lyman, are the guests of friends

at Lexington.
—Mrs. V. B. Russell has gone to

Berry, Ill., to spend the remainder of
the week with her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. J. A. Cave.
—Mr. Park of Detroit, Mich., is

the guest of D. S. Shellabarger and
family.

—Colonel and Mrs. J. Finley Smiley
are now in Joplin, Mo.

—Miss Irene Shellabarger, who has
been confined to her home by illness,

is able to be out.
—D. Brindlinger went to Maroa to-

day on business.
—Attorney W. B. Tyler was called to

Tuscola today on legal business.
—Attorney W. H. Black has returned

from Champaign, where he spent
Christmas with relatives.

—Rev. Father Kelley is visiting
Rev. Father O'Rourke at Dalton City

and Rev. Father Costello at Bethany.
—Miss Ann Robey is home from

Chicago for the holiday vacation.
—Miss Maude Johnson of the High

school faculty of Leroy, Ill., is the
guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Drew.

The teachers and officers of the Sun-
day school of Wesley church will meet

with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Augustine
of North Water street this evening to

elect the officers for the coming year.
—Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Wells of

Cowden are the guests of Mrs. Wells'
parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ramsey.

—Miss Nellie Satter and Miss Grace
Whitman of Lexington are the guests

of Decatur friends.
—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shellabarger

have returned to their home in Salina,
Mo., after a visit with Decatur rela-

tives.
—Mrs. W. C. Bowers and son Clor-

ence are the guests of Mrs. Bowers'
brother, Robert Shephard, of Milmine.

—Col. and Mrs. D. H. Conklin and
son, Conductor Charles Conklin of the

Wabash, arrived in the city last eve-
ning from Anderson, Ind., where they

spent the Christmas holidays with An-
drew Stevens and family.

Half the ill that man is heir to come
from indigestion. Burdock Blood

Biters strengthens and tones the stom-
ach; makes indigestion impossible. Sold by

all druggists.
Representative J. M. Gray is begin-

ning to enjoy some of the advantages
of being a member of the legislature

in the numerous railroad passes which
are being sent to him. In many cases the

passes are from railroad companies
whose lines do not run through Deca-

tur, but to the members of the legisla-
ture everything goes.

The Mattoon theatre party which
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Misses Blanche and Jennie Gray,

cousins of Mrs. R. L. Walston, Miss
Carrie Gillman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank

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mainder of the party will stop at the
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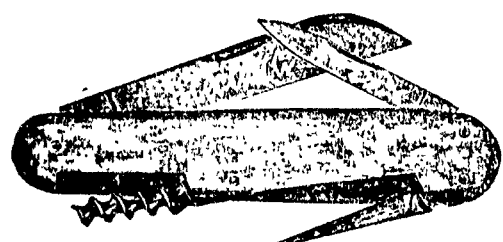
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You will find the Chickering and Packard pianos the best instruments to be had in the city. They are on sale only at the C. B. Prescott music house.

The annual meeting of Section 184, Endowment Rank, will be held this evening at 7 o'clock at the hall of Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 17, in the Powers building.

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Sold by all druggists.

Full line of attractions at the Grand every week to the end of the season.

The members of St. Patrick's Catholic church have presented Rev. Father Murphy with a handsome rocking chair and a roll top desk. They also presented Rev. Father Kelley with an alb, a vestment of white linen, and other gifts.

"I had a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lehnart, Bowling Green, O. Sold by all druggists.

Mrs. F. P. Howard was presented with a chafing dish by the members of her Sunday school class of the Edward Street Christian church.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church will hold a meeting at the church on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

A Chance to Visit Your Friends.

Holiday excursions via the P. D. and E. Ry. at cheap rates. Your ticket agent will tell you all about it. See him and get particulars.—2-28d

Officer Leech.

Officer Ed Leech, who is recovering from a nine weeks' illness, will on Saturday resume his duties on the city police force. Twice before has Mr. Leech attempted to go back to work but each time he suffered a relapse.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Affections and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.

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Holiday Rates.

The Indiana, Decatur and Western railway will sell tickets between all stations and to all points in Central Passenger Association territory on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 30 and 31, and January 1 and 2, at one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good returning including January 3, 1934. For time of trains, rates, tickets and full information call on any I. D. W. ticket agent or address John S. Lazarus, General Passenger Agent.—16-dtf

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Foot Social.

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Rev. Wells Will Preach.

Rev. Arthur M. Wells, formerly pastor of the Asbury and Wesley churches, of this city, now stationed at Cowden, is in the city for a short visit and will conduct services at the Asbury church this evening. All his old parishioners are invited to hear him.

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often at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate. It nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, tired people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.

MASQUERADE BALL

Given Wednesday Evening by Messrs.

Dorwin and Jenkins.

Messrs. Frank Dorwin and George W. Jenkins gave a masquerade ball Wednesday evening at the Guards' armory. There were quite a large number of guests present, about half of whom were attired in masquerade costume. The opera house orchestra furnished music for the dancing. The grand march began at 9 o'clock and was led by Frank Dorwin and Mayor Taylor. The costumes were all good and Mayor Taylor as a colored swell and Mr. Dorwin as Dinah were particularly good. They led the grand march with the latest cake walk steps. Supper was served during the evening by Mrs. Brodders and card tables were provided for those who did not care to dance. Those in attendance and the costumes they wore were as follows:

George W. Jenkins—Policeman Sullivan at the city force.

Mrs. Jenkins—Newspaper Girl.

B. C. Applegate—Lieutenant in the Navy.

Mrs. Applegate—Italian Tambourine Girl.

Hal Stevens—Louis XIV.

Mrs. Stevens—Tyrolean Singer.

F. Dorwin—Dinah.

Mrs. Dorwin—Swedish Peasant.

R. O. Rosen—Count of Monte Cristo.

Mrs. Rosen—Guineola, the Gypsy Queen.

Dr. F. O. Rhoades—Mexican Senor.

Mrs. Rhoades—Gypsy Girl.

Mrs. J. W. Osgood—Mother Goose.

Mrs. Plovman of Taylorville—Domino.

Mrs. Frank Elwood—Dunker Girl.

The Misses Plovman—Dominoes.

B. Z. Taylor—Colored Swell.

Linn Radcliff—Clown.

The other guests at the hall included Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hott, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Summers, Dr. and Mrs. William Catto, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Whitsell, Messrs. Thomas Dorwin, James Stumpf, James K. Stafford, Charles May and W. R. Abbott.

OTHER EVENTS.

A surprise party was given Wednesday evening for G. A. Kenney at his home, No. 426 South Broadway. A number of young people were in attendance and enjoyed a pleasant evening.

The members of the Social Dancing club are making arrangements to entertain a number of their friends at their next dance on Friday evening.

The members of the Assembly club will give their next ball on Washington's birthday.

LIEUT. C. B. MOORE

Will Go With the Bennington on an Important Mission in the Pacific.

The friends and relatives of Lieut. Charles B. T. Moore of this city, who is in the United States navy, will probably not hear from him very often for the next six months. He is executive officer on the Bennington, which has been ordered on a long cruise on the Pacific. Mrs. Moore, who is now at West Newton, Mass., has received notice from the navy department to the effect that she will not be able to have any communication by mail from her husband for the next five or six months, as he will visit parts of the globe where there is no mail service.

The Bennington has been stationed at Honolulu and has been ordered to proceed with all dispatch to the Ladrone Islands and assume possession in the name of the United States of all the property on the Island of Guam, which belongs to the Spanish crown. A collector from Manila will meet the vessel at Port Louis d'Alma, the capital of the Ladrone, and the spot selected as the seat of the American government. A naval station will be established on the Island of Guam.

The most important mission of the officers of the Bennington is the direction to find Wake Island, between Hawaii and the Ladrone and formally take possession of it. The island is a lonely spot in mid-ocean and is uninhabited. The idea is to use the island as a cable station.

St. John's Children.

The children at St. John's church met in the chapel last evening at 7 o'clock and held a short Christmas service. From there they marched to the Gallagher block on North Water street, where a tree laden with all sorts of Christmas cheer was prepared for them. A short program was given here by Clara Phillips, Juanita Brown, Marie Meyer and Lucile Carter. Mr. Rering Burrows impersonated Santa Claus.

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Sent to Herrick.

An 11 year old boy named Eddie Ball was sent to Herrick, Ill., yesterday by the police. The child was living with his mother and sister, who were arrested Tuesday night, so he was sent to Herrick to be cared for by his grandfather.

POLYGAMY

To Be or Not To Be, Introduced Into United States Congress.

NO LAW TO PREVENT

Strong Resolutions Against Seating

Mr. Roberts—Mr. Sweeney's Opinion on the Subject.

Apropos of the resolutions passed by the official board of the United Brethren church of this city asking Congressman B. F. Caldwell to use his influence to prevent the seating of Brigham Y. Roberts, the newly elected congressman from Utah, considerable discussion of the subject has come up in local circles regarding the subject.

"Is there a law in the constitution of the United States that can prohibit a polygamist from taking his seat as a member of the 66th Congress?" is a question that is being asked by the majority of the people who have not taken the time or trouble to look up the question. Investigation proves that there is not. An authority on the question says: "The election of Roberts opens up the whole question of Mormonism. As the state constitution now stands the practice of polygamy is a felony. When Utah became a state in 1896 the provisions of the territorial government with regard to polygamists were adopted in the state constitution. These enactments against plural marriages were made under duress, and were forced upon the Mormons by the Edmunds-Tucker bill, which passed Congress two years before and declared polygamy unlawful in the United States territories. The article with reference to polygamy in Utah's state constitution reads: "Bigamy and polygamy being considered incompatible with a republican form of government, each of them is hereby forbidden and declared a misdemeanor. Any person who shall violate this section shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1000 and imprisonment for a term of not less than six months or more than three years, at the discretion of the court."

By inserting this clause in the constitution Utah complied with the "enabling act" and was admitted as a state January 4, 1896. Now conditions are altered. Utah is a sovereign state and may change her constitution to suit herself. There is nothing in the United States constitution which prohibits polygamy and there is a distinct guarantee of religious freedom. Utah might be deprived of her statehood; her representative-elect might be ignored by Congress, as was the case in a similar instance, or the constitution of the United States might be amended by a clause prohibiting polygamy.

The United Brethren church has been the first organization to protest in this city. Perhaps the strongest protest that has been made comes from the Presbyterian women's board of home missions with headquarters at New York city, which has begun a vigorous crusade against the seating of Mr. Roberts and has sent out a letter to the auxiliary organizations all over the United States.

There are many who declare that polygamy shall not be dragged into the House of Representatives in utter defiance of the best and highest principles of the foundation of the United States government. Whether lawful proceedings will be taken to prevent this, or Mr. Roberts simply be frozen out and not recognized by Congress is something which will be shortly determined.

MR. SWEENEY'S OPINION.

The Hon. Z. T. Sweeney, who spoke at the Christian tabernacle on Tuesday evening and who is one of the ablest politicians of the day, said: "There is no law that will prevent Roberts from being seated in Congress, but the power of public sentiment is sometimes stronger than law. I am in favor of public sentiment on the question, but I do not want the United States in its zeal to eliminate this evil to do anything which is unlawful. I hope we will be mindful of our constitution, our free and equal rights and consider the question impartially. Utah promised to eliminate polygamy from her statutes when she became a state. Whether that promise will stand I do not know. I think if God had intended a man to have more than one wife he would have created a sufficient number of women to supply the demand. There are just a few more men than women, the surplus of men being meant for the loss in wars, or other dangers to which men are exposed. Personally I cannot understand why a man would want more than one wife. From my observation it seems that a great many of them are unable to properly support even one."

THE PLAY TO-NIGHT.

Julia Marlowe in "The Countess Valenska"—The Scenes.

Julia Marlowe's production of her new play, "The Countess Valenska," which will be seen for the first time here at the Grand tonight, is an exceptionally beautiful and elaborate one.

The first and fourth acts take place in a "baronial" hall of Valenska, and the second and third occur in her dining room. Thus only two settings, are required for the whole play, and these are correspondingly lavish. The corridor scene is a ruddy and rich apartment of olden woods and frescoed and rusted armor. At the rear there is an elevated platform, across which broad stairs lead to double doors, and at one moment in the first act the tremendous figure of little Napoleon walks up these stairs in the person of a player who has not a word to say, but must only look like Napoleon and keep his hands behind his back. One of the thrills of the play is the sudden and unexpected appearance of the majestic general merely hurrying to his sleeping apartment.

The other scene, the dining room, is conceived more lightly, but is still a massive and spacious room, an appearance of enormous solidity being given it by the oddly set doors to the outer city, which seem to be hung in a wall six or eight feet thick, as the surface shows. Here a splendid banquet is given by the countess to the generals of Napoleon's army. The necessities of flowers, candles with their pink shades in the Empire style, make the scene an exceedingly dainty one, the brilliant uniforms of the officers adding a rich and effective coloring.

One of the scenes in "The Countess Valenska" is quite spectacular. It is the moment when, after having confessed to herself and to the spy she is harboring that she loves him, she gives him over to the allies of Poland by shouting "Treason" through the court yard windows. In such the beautiful uniforms, and before a roomful of officers and soldiers, she denounces the man; and the curtain falls.

Farmers' Institute.

The members of the program committee of the Farmers' Institute will hold a meeting Saturday afternoon to make further arrangements for the big Macon county institute which is to be held in this city on January 24, 25 and 26. The members of the committee intend to have some excellent speakers here and subjects of interest to the farmers will be discussed by persons who are authority on such matters. The institute promises to be the best that has ever been held in the county.

Nearly Completed.

Earle Colladay, who for the past two months has been working on a map of the city of Decatur for the engineer's office, has nearly completed the work. He will probably have the work finished in several days. Colladay drew a map of the city last summer showing the paved streets. The one he is now working on is the same, but will show the water system of the city. He will begin still another which will show all the sewers. The work has been splendidly executed and the maps will be of great value to the city as they are absolutely correct in every detail.

U. B. Revival Services.

The revival services at the United Brethren church were marked by a larger attendance last evening than has hitherto been seen at the meetings. Rev. J. W. Boggess, presiding elder of the district, conducted the services.

This evening Rev. J. A. F. King, presiding elder of the Lexington district will have charge of the services and on Friday evening Rev. H. T. Athey of Casner will preach. There will be no services on Saturday evening.

Holiday Rates Via I. C. R. R.

For Christmas and New Year holidays the Illinois Central will sell tickets within a distance of 200 miles at rate of one and one-third fare round trip. Good going December 21, 22, 23 and 31, 1933, and January 1 and 2, 1934. Good returning until midnight including January 4, 1934. For tickets call at city office or depot.—3-10d

Case Continued.

Cars Johnson, the chicken thief, was before Justice Harby yesterday, but his case was continued by agreement until Wednesday, January 3. Attorney John Fitzgerald is defending Johnson.

Salvation Army.

E. T. Elliott of Reno, Mass., the "Drummer Evangelist," will deliver his lecture on the "Five Pointed Star" at the Salvation Army barracks Thursday evening. All are cordially invited.

Office Moved.

Attorney David Hutchinson has moved his office from East Main street to room 405 Powers block.

Accidents rule men and not men rule accidents.—Herodotus.

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